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FOR : COMPOUNDS THAT INHIBIT INTERACTION BETWEEN SIGNAL-

TRANSDUCING PROTEINS AND THE GLGF (PDZ/DHR) DOMAIN

AND USES THEREOF.

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO AUGUST 13, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Communication is submitted in response to the August 13, 2002 Final Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the August 13, 2002 Office Action was originally due November 13, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity is \$55.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the August 13, 2002 Office Action is now due December 13, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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